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PRODUCTION OF THERMAL POWER AND HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Thermal Power and Hydro-electric power produced in the country every year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government are giving stress on production of hydro electric power;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of projects approved for production of hydro electric power during the Year 2000-01, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : State-wise energy generation from thermal and hydro-electric stations in the country during 1999-2000 is given in Annexure-IA and IB.

(b) & (c) : In view of the vast scope for increasing power production from hydro sources, Government of India has announced a policy on hydro power development in August, 1998 which addresses the various issues that have led to the decline of the share of hydro power in the last three decades and suggests remedial measures required to accelerate it.

The Policy on hydro power development seeks to encourage greater participation by private entrepreneurs and to create the financial administrative and legal environment to encourage massive investment. Steps are also being taken to accelerate the process of survey and investigation of the new hydro-electric sites with a view to create a shelf of projects which could be taken up for execution.

In order to encourage greater private investment, tariff for hydel projects has been rationalised, procedures for transfer of techno-economic clearance have been simplified, a mechanism to cover geological risks has been evolved and State Governments have been made responsible for land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement.

(d) : Details of State-wise capacity addition from hydro projects during 2000-01 is given in Anneuxre-II.